Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know whether the Government have provided alternative accommodation for the slum-dwellers when the slums were cleared from those places?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—I did not say that the slums were cleared. Proper health measures have been taken in the slums. Separate measures for slum clearance comes under something else. That does not pertain to this.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Are the Government aware that some slums were cleared off and the people were left without any accommodation at Hubli?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—It has not come to the notice of the Government.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know how much additional staff was provided?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—From the information I have got, 2 extra vaccinators have been provided; One health officer has been appointed temporarily about a month ago.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Are the Government aware that Hubli is the victim of such diseases every year,—small pox, influenza, etc.?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—As any other District, it is also one.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—In view of that, are the Government prepared to have permanent health units to prevent these diseases?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—It is not a question of having a permanent health unit. Wherever health measures are required, precautions are taken; it is not only in Hubli, but in any other part of the State.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it not a fact that health measures are not taken in time to prevent the spread of this disease?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—It is not correct.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—With reference to answer (c), you have stated that the steps taken to stop the spreading of disease are (1) disinfection of houses and (2) clearance of slums. The Hon'ble Minister stated that clearance of slums meant disinfection of houses. Then may I know what is meant by clearance of slums?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—By clearance of slums I mean, clearance of debris and other things from health point of view. I am not talking from the housing point of view.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Sir, if timely action had been taken and if we had enough staff to attend to them in time, do you think there should have been 28 deaths on that score?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Timely action had been taken. It was beyond the control of the health staff and the minimum deaths had occurred.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—How much expenditure was incurred on this account? Who bore it, whether it was Government or the Municipality?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—My information is that the Municipality bore it.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Have the Government given any grants to the Municipality for this purpose?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—If the Municipality asks for grants, the Government may consider.

9-30 A.M.

Introduction of Prohibition in Hassan District.

Q.—27. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have decided recently to extend Prohibition throughout Hassan District;

(b) whether they had taken public opinion into account while so doing;

(c) whether the workmen employed in the several plantations of Hassan went on strike recently demonstrating their discontent against prohibition and its extension;

(d) whether representations have been received urging for repeal of prohibition in Hassan District?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Social Welfare, Excise and Prohibition).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government has no information.

(d) No.